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SUBJ: GROMYKO'S DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON

GENEVA FOR CSCE DEL

REF: STATE 24424

1. FRG MINISTER COUNSELOR WOLFF CALLED ON EUR DEPUTY  
ASST SECRETARY ARMITAGE FEBRUARY 7 TO LEARN ABOUT GROMYKO  
VISIT. ARMITAGE SAID THAT SUBSTANTIAL PART OF DISCUSSIONS  
WERE DEVOTED TO BILATERAL MATTERS, CSCE, BERLIN AND  
MIDDLE EAST. HE CHARACTERIZED CSCE AND MBFR DISCUSSIONS  
ALONG LINES REFTEL. (FRG MINISTER COUNSELOR LAHUSEN  
HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN BRIEFED BY DEPARTMENT ON BERLIN  
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ASPECTS.)

2. REGARDING MIDDLE EAST, ARMITAGE NOTED THAT THERE WERE NO DISCUSSIONS IN DETAIL OF NEGOTIATIONS OR SETTLEMENT. GROMYKO PRESSED FOR JOINT US-SOVIET EFFORTS INCLUDING GREATER US-SOVIET ACTIVITY IN GENEVA ROLES, AND WE ARE MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION.

3. ON US-USSR BILATERAL RELATIONS, WOLFF ASKED ABOUT DIFFICULTIES IN AREAS OF CREDITS AND MFN, AND WONDERED IF DECISION ON PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO USSR DEPENDED UPON SOLUTION OF S\*ECIFIC PROBLEMS. ARMITAGE SAID TIMING OF

NEXT SUMMIT NOT TIED TO ANY ONE SPECIFIC PROBLEM, AND NOTED THAT US-USSR RELATIONS ARE GENERALLY ON TRACK DESPITE PROBLEMS. WOLFF SUGGESTED THAT MILITARY GROWTH OF USSR ALSO FACTOR IN RELATIONS AND HE HAD BEEN STRUCK BY ADMINISTRATION BUDGET MESSAGE, SAYING IN EFFECT THAT IF DISARMAMENT EFFORTS FAIL, US MUST BE PREPARED TO STRENGTHEN ITS DEFENSE. ARMITAGE SUGGESTED THAT, AS DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER HAS POINTED OUT, IT IS NOT QUESTION OF WAITING TO SEE IF DISARMAMENT EFFORTS WORK, BUT OF MAINTAINING STRONG MILITARY POSTURE DURING NEGOTIATIONS SO AS NOT TO FIND OURSELVES BEHIND IN ANY EVENT.

4. WOLFF RAISED BREZHNEV VISIT TO CUBA AND NOTED RECURRING SPECULATION ON RESUMPTION OF US-CUBAN RELATIONS. ARMITAGE SAID THAT CUBA DID NOT COME UP IN DISCUSSIONS AND THAT RESUMPTION OF US-CUBAN RELATIONS DID NOT SEEM IN CARDS AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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